

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re application of: Ladlow et al.)
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For: PARALLEL REACTION STATION)
WITH MAGNETIC STIRRING) Attny Dkt No. 58937/123

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment of the claims in the above-captioned application is submitted herewith.

In the Claims:

4. (Amended) A device according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 3] wherein the fixing means comprise a plurality of sockets each designed to securely accommodate a reaction vessel.

6. (Amended) A device according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 5] wherein the device incorporates a condenser unit.

8. (Amended) A device according to [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the adapter block is circular in shape.

9. (Amended) A device according to [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the adapter block is made of chemically resistant material.